1	2	3	4	5
HSD WEF 3/7/96	KL	5717.28	7432.46	30.00%
HSD WEF 7/7/96	KL	5717.28	6574.87	15.00%
LSHF HSD-BUNKERING	KL	5717.28	7432.46	30.00%
LSHF HSD-OTHERS	KL	8507.16	11059.31	30 00%
LPG P (DOM)	MT	5309.19	6901 95	30.00%.
LPG P (NON-DOM)	MT	12881.28	13900.00	7 91%
LPG BULK	MT	11601.78	11900.00	2 57%
NAPTHA - FERT	MT	3722.78	4839.61	30 00%
- OTHER	MT	6075.69	6683 26	10 00%
ATF - DOM.	KL	9852 33	10837 56	10 00%
AVIATION GASOLINE	KL	11440 70	12584.77	10 00%
SKO - DOMESTIC	KL	2001.40	2001 40	00%
SKO - INDUSTRIAL	KL	5014.33	6518 63	30 00%
LDO	KL	5587 55	7263 82	30 00%
MLO	KL	5612 55	7296 32	30 00%
FO - FERT	KL	2812.43	3656 16	30 00%
- OTHER	KL	4535 28	5895 86	30 00%
LSHS - FERT	MT	2851 57	3707 04	30 00%
- OTHER	MT	4804 07	6245 29	30 00%
BITUMEN - BILK	MT	4125 02	5362 53	30 00%
- PACKED	MT	4781 35	6215 76	30 00%
MATCH WAX	MT	12157 49	15804 74	30 00%
P WAX - 1ST QUALITY	MT	15408 01	20030 41	30 00%
- PI Grade	MT	15531 98	20191 57	30 00%

Note HSD Prices have been Reduced with effect from midnight of 6th/7th July 1996

[English]

Purchase of Textile

80 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the policy of Government departments purchasing their textile requirements from NTC/BIC still continues and accordingly, the instructions have been issued in this regard,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government in pursuing this matter to ensure adherence of the above instructions?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R L JALAPPA) (a) to (d) The Single Tender System for purchase of requirements by Central Government departments from NTC/BIC at a price determined by the Government has been dis-continued Presently the general guidelines for purchase preference are applicable to NTC & BIC.

Handloom Weavers

81 SHRI L RAMANA
SHRI N DENNIS

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the welfare of handloom weavers

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided for implementation of these schemes during the last three years alongwith the number of weavers benefited therefrom, state-wise,

(c) whether the Government are aware that the small weavers are facing difficulties in different States particularly in Andhra Pradesh in getting cotton yarn and other raw materials

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the problems of handloom weavers, and

(e) the steps taken to boost the export of handloom goods?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) Government of India is implementing the following schemes for welfare of Handloom Weavers :

1. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme;
2. Thrift Fund Scheme;
3. Group Insurance Scheme;
4. Health Package Scheme;

Funds are released on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments.

(b) State-wise details of the financial assistance provided for implementation of Welfare Schemes and number of weavers benefited thereform, during the last three years, are as under :

WORKSHED-CUM HOUSING SCHEME

State	Amount of Financial assistance sanctioned during last three years 1993-96. (Rupees in Lakhs)	Numbers of Weavers benefitted (Estimated)
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	560 52	7308
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
Assam	292 00	2300
Bihar	232 00	5800
Delhi	-	-
Gujarat	-	-
Haryana		
Himachal Pradesh	83 49	2100
J & K	21 59	676
Kerala	215 58	2154
Karnataka	340 72	6644
Madhya Pradesh	151 76	2624
Meghalaya	1 20	30
Maharashtra	46 00	1150
Manipur	75 60	1890
Mizoram	14 00	350
Nagaland	-	-
Orissa	140 00	3500
Pondicherry	-	-
Punjab	-	-
Rajasthan	53 56	1334
Sikkim	-	-
Tamilnadu	280 00	2000
Tripura	88 00	2200
Uttar Pradesh	464.00	8150
West Bengal	153.97	3950
Total	3213.99	54160

THRIFT FUND SCHEME

Andhra Pradesh	189.58	1,89,580
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
Assam	-	-
Bihar	21.60	21,600
Delhi	1.50	1,500
Gujarat	3.61	3,610
Haryana	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	-
J & K	-	-
Kerala	-	-
Karnataka	32 00	32,000
Madhya Pradesh	1 50	1,500
Meghalaya	-	-
Maharashtra	35.58	35,580
Manipur	2 65	2,650
Mizoram	-	-
Nagaland	-	-
Orissa	86 00	86,000
Pondicherry	-	-
Punjab	-	-
Rajasthan	3 65	3,650
Sikkim	-	-
Tamilnadu	498 20	4 98,200
Tripura	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	40 50	40,500
West Bengal	32 00	32,000
Total	948 37	9,48,370

GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME

Andhra Pradesh	46.41	1,31,000
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
Assam	-	-
Bihar	5.28	16,300
Delhi	-	-
Gujarat	-	-
Haryana	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	-
J & K	-	-
Kerala	-	-
Karnataka	20.00	50,000
Madhya Pradesh	1.80	4,504
Meghalaya	-	-

1	2	3
Maharashtra	-	-
Manipur	0.12	300
Mizoram	-	-
Nagaland	-	-
Orissa	28.80	72,000
Pondicherry	-	-
Punjab	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-
Sikkim	-	-
Tamil Nadu	82 76	3,31,079
Tripura		- -
Uttar Pradesh	28 00	70,000
West Bengal	5 06	12,641
Total	218 23	6,87,824
HEALTH PACKAGE SCHEME		
Andhra Pradesh	314 65	53 850
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
Assam	150 12	38,675
Bihar	204 30	76 200
Delhi	-	-
Gujarat	20 60	3 870
Haryana	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	0 63	290
J & K	14 99	2 746
Kerala	71 80	14 000
Karnataka	71 33	13,270
Madhya Pradesh	11 29	4 363
Meghalaya	5 48	1 100
Maharashtra	53 64	15 017
Manipur	39 48	8 450
Mizoram	-	-
Nagaland	-	-
Orissa	49 20	14,400
Pondicherry	-	-
Punjab	-	-
Rajasthan	45 50	6,764
Sikkim	-	-
Tamilnadu	252 71	39,868
Tripura	48.35	8,640
Uttar Pradesh	114 50	19,616
West Bengal	34.30	7,700
Total	1502 87	3,28,819

(c) and (d) Through the Government of India has not received any representation recently from any State Government including Andhra Pradesh that small Weavers are facing difficulty in getting cotton yarn and other raw materials However, on the request of the various States when the prices of cotton yarn indicated unprecedented hike two years ago, the Government of India, in order to compensate in the prices of hank yarn, introduced and implemented Hank Yarn Price Subsidy Scheme during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96. Releases during these years to State Governments are as follows :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the State	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	162.50	80 80
Assam	76 15	199.65
Bihar	30.00	55 06
Gujarat	22.20	22 12
Haryana	0 75	-
J & K	2 81	12 97
Karnataka	251 90	18 77
Kerala	65 09	102 48
Madhya Pradesh	35 48	41 45
Maharashtra	35 00	27 72
Manipur	6 10	7 06
Mizoram	0 74	1 67
Nagaland	-	7 98
Orissa	106 09	296 83
Punjab	4 38	2 66
Rajasthan	17 51	85 16
Tamilnadu	677 28	1117 93
Tripura	12 50	-
Uttar Pradesh	291 06	229 86
West Benga	368 59	714 03
N H D C	2 50	161 76
Pondicherry	16 12	5 90
Total	2184 75	3191 86

As regards availability of hank yarn to the handicom weavers the Government of India is enforcing the Hank Yarn Obligation order and operating the Millgate Price Scheme The Hank Yarn packed under the Hank Yarn Obligation hank yarn supplied under the Mill-gate Price Scheme and Hank Yarn Price Subsidy Scheme (which is not under operation since 1 4 96) are as under

(in Million kgs.)

Year	Hank Yarn Obligation	Mill-gate Price Scheme	Hank Yarn Price subsidy Scheme
1993-94	502 91	4 94	- *
1994-95	540 30	3 44	17 25
1995-96	436 12 (upto December 1995	3 58	17 92

* The Scheme was operated only during 1994-95 1995-96

(e) The steps taken to boost the exports of handloom goods, inter-alia, include modernisation of looms, value addition through designs development, product adaptation, quality and packaging up-gradation and assistance to exporters for participation in buyers-sellers meet and fairs and exhibitions abroad.

[Translation]

Production cost of Crude Oil

82. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment at national level in regard to the average cost of production of crude oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the national averavge cost of production of crude oil is less than that of the average of international cost of production of crude oil;

(d) if not, the facts thereof;

(e) whether the Government have taken any decision on the possibilities of reducing the average cost of production of indigenous crude oil; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T R BAALU) : (a) to (d) The current domestic price of crude oil including royalty and cess is provisionally fixed at Rs. 3296/MT. The weighted average FOB rate of imported crude oil during 1995-96 was about Rs. 4161/MT.

(e) and (f). ONGC has constituted a High level multidisciplinary Committee to examine applicability of CRINE Concept (Cost Reduction Initiative for the New Era) in their operations. CRINE Concept has been successfully used in the North Sea for cost reduction.

[English]

Modernisation of C-DOT

83. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise C-DOT;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) C-Dot is taking up projects for development of most modern state-of-the-art telecom products like:

(1) Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Switching;

(2) Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) transmission Systems;

(3) Optical Fibre Cable and Radio Access systems;

(4) Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT) systems

(5) Enhancement of C-DOT Switches for introduction of Integrated Subscriber Digital Network (ISDN) and Intelligent Networks (IN)

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Single National Grid

84. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to have a national level planning and have a single national grid for the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the above matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR S VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Action for formation of a National Power Grid has been initiated involving inter-connection of regional grids, the details of which are as follows :

i. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Vindhyachal connecting Northern and Western Regions, already exists.

ii. A 1000 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Chandrapur connecting Southern and Western Regions, is under execution and expected to be commissioned in 1997-98.

iii. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Vishakhapatnam connecting Eastern & Southern Regions, has also been approved for commissioning during 1998-99.

iv. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back Sasaram-Biharshariff Project has also been planned to connect Eastern and Northern Regions, for commissioning during 9th Plan.

v. Other links would be taken up as and when additional generation capacity is created and the need and feasibility of inter-regional transfer of power is established.